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## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

### *Smallpox in Mobile.*

MOBILE, ALA., May 22, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to state that on the 21st instant Celia Johnson, colored female, aged 25, whose residence is at Elmira and Lawrence streets, applied at the city dispensary for treatment for a sore throat. Dr. Campbell discovered smallpox and sent for Dr. Abrahams, the city health officer, who confirmed the diagnosis and at once sent the woman to the pesthouse.

There are no cases or reasons for suspicion in or near the house where the woman lived, and the origin is unknown. It is fair to suppose that the disease was imported by a transient visitor.

The two cases reported March 28 and April 17 were discharged from the pesthouse on May 11.

A case was discovered in a white woman in Birmingham two weeks ago, recently from Memphis and perhaps due to infection left by De Forest, the March 19 case. Careful inquiry fails to connect Mobile with the De Forest case. A report is received to-day of a suspicious case near Montgomery which the state health officer will investigate.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

### *Smallpox in Pensacola.*

PENSACOLA, FLA., May 24, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that a case of smallpox was reported at the office of the board of health on the 20th instant. The victim is a negro, by the name of Joe Carter, who has been employed on the work train of L. and N. R. R. He was brought here from Cotondale, Fla., on the P. and A. division of the L. and N. about a hundred and thirty miles from this city. He was immediately sent to the pesthouse.

Respectfully, yours,

J. WHITING HARGIS,  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1896, to May 28, 1897.\**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
<b>Alabama:</b>				
Birmingham.....	May 8.....	1		
Mobile.....	Dec. 28-Jan. 28....	2		
	Mar. 28.....	1		
	Apr. 17.....	1		
	May 21.....	1		
Union Springs.....	Mar. 21.....		1	
<b>Connecticut:</b>				
New Haven.....	Feb. 17.....	1		
<b>Florida:</b>				
Pensacola.....	Jan. 19-Feb. 20....	13		12 varioloid. Varioloid. Do. Do.
	Feb. 28-Mar. 10....	14		
	Mar. 27-Apr. 3.....	3		
	Apr. 10-May 1.....	10		
	May 2-May 22.....	7		
Escambia County (not including Pensacola).....	Dec. 2-Jan. 19....	18		
<b>Illinois:</b>				
Chicago.....	Mar. 25.....			Smallpox reported; brought from Mexico.
	Mar. 27-Apr. 3.....		1	
	Apr. 10-Apr. 17....	2		
	May 8-May 15.....		1	
<b>Indiana:</b>				
Greenwood.....	Feb. 12.....	1		
<b>Massachusetts:</b>				
Boston.....	May 1-May 8.....	4		
New Bedford.....	Apr. 10-Apr. 17....	1		
<b>Michigan:</b>				
Blissfield Township.....	Mar. 27-Apr. 10....			Smallpox reported. Do.
	Apr. 17-May 1.....			
<b>Missouri:</b>				
St. Louis.....	April 29.....	2		
	May 1-May 22.....	2	3	
<b>New York:</b>				
Brooklyn.....	Apr. 24-May 15....	2	1	Do.
New York.....	Mar. 1-Mar. 31....		2	
	Apr. 17-May 15....		10	
<b>Pennsylvania:</b>				
Drifton.....	Apr. 6.....	1		
<b>Tennessee:</b>				
Memphis.....	Apr. 1-May 22....	9		
<b>Washington:</b>				
Tacoma.....	Feb. 6.....	1		
Olympia.....	Mar. 1.....	1		

\*For table of smallpox in the United States, etc., May 9, 1896, to December 29, 1896, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, Vol. XII, No. 1.

*Report of immigration at Boston for the week ended May 22, 1897.*

**OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION,**  
*Port of Boston, May 22, 1897.*

*Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended May 22, 1897;  
also names of vessels and ports from which they arrived.*

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
May 16	Steamship Yarmouth.....	Yarmouth.....	113
May 17	Steamship Halifax.....	Halifax.....	71
Do.....	Steamship Barnstable.....	Jamaica.....	13
Do.....	Steamship Philadelphia.....	Liverpool.....	2
Do.....	Schooner J. F. Nickerson *.....	Brava, Cape Verde Islands.....	44
May 19	Schooner Cabo Verde *.....	do.....	22
May 18	Steamship Michigan.....	Liverpool.....	1
Do.....	Steamship Cephallonia.....	Liverpool and Queenstown.....	571
May 19	Steamship Columbian.....	London.....	3
Do.....	Steamship Hibernian.....	Galway and Londonderry.....	202
Do.....	Schooner J. B. Martin.....	Glasgow.....	
Do.....	Steamship Olivette.....	Annapolis.....	1
May 20	Steamship Yarmouth.....	Halifax.....	97
Do.....	Steamship Yarmouth.....	Yarmouth.....	99
Do.....	Steamship Canada.....	Liverpool and Queenstown.....	222
Total.....			1,461

\* Entered at Port of New Bedford, Mass.

**THOMAS F. DELHANTY,**  
*U. S. Commissioner of Immigration.*

*Report of immigration at New York for the week ended May 22, 1897.*

**OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION,**  
*Port of New York, May 24, 1897.*

*Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended May 22, 1897;  
also names of vessels and ports from which they arrived.*

Date.	Vessel.	Wherefrom.	No. of immigrants.
May 16	Steamship Astoria.....	Stettin.....	57
Do.....	Steamship Maasdam.....	Rotterdam.....	141
Do.....	Steamship Hekla.....	Copenhagen.....	158
Do.....	Steamship La Champagne.....	Havre.....	327
May 18	Steamship Kensington.....	Antwerp.....	274
Do.....	Steamship Sicilia.....	Stettin.....	70
May 19	Steamship Werra.....	Genoa and Gibraltar.....	859
Do.....	Steamship Ethiopia.....	Glasgow.....	81
May 20	Steamship Trave.....	Bremen.....	416
Do.....	Steamship Pennsylvania.....	Hamburg.....	456
Do.....	Steamship Aurania.....	Liverpool and Queenstown.....	356
Do.....	Steamship California.....	Naples.....	728
May 21	Steamship Vega.....	Lisbon and the Azores.....	104
Do.....	Steamship Britannic.....	Liverpool and Queenstown.....	608
Do.....	Steamship Crefeld.....	Bremen.....	314
Do.....	Steamship Fürst Bismarck.....	Hamburg.....	516
May 22	Steamship St. Paul.....	Southampton.....	265
Do.....	Steamship Taormina.....	Hamburg.....	281
Do.....	Steamship Umbria.....	Liverpool and Queenstown.....	268
Total.....			6,279

**Dr. J. H. SENNER,**  
*U. S. Commissioner of Immigration.*

*Report of immigration at Philadelphia for the week ended May 22, 1897.*OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION,  
*Port of Philadelphia, May 22, 1897.**Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended May 22, 1897;  
also names of vessels and ports from which they arrived.*

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
May 20	Steamship Indiana.....	Liverpool and Queenstown.....	135

JNO. J. S. RODGERS,  
*U. S. Commissioner of Immigration.**Reports of States and yearly and monthly reports of cities.*

**MAINE—Portland.**—Four weeks ended May 15, 1897. Estimated population, 41,500. Total deaths, 58, including enteric fever, 1, and phthisis pulmonalis, 12.

**MASSACHUSETTS—Brockton.**—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 35,853. Total deaths, 40, including diphtheria, 1; scarlet fever, 1, and phthisis pulmonalis, 3.

**Fitchburg.**—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 28,392. Total deaths, 30, including diphtheria, 1, and phthisis pulmonalis, 2.

**MICHIGAN.**—Week ended May 15, 1897. Reports to the State board of health from 54 observers indicate that erysipelas increased and diarrhea, influenza, and tonsilitis decreased in area of prevalence. Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present at 167 places, measles at 89, scarlet fever at 23, diphtheria at 19, typhoid fever at 15, and whooping cough at 10 places.

**Grand Rapids.**—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 90,000. Total deaths, 75, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 2; phthisis pulmonalis, 7, and whooping cough, 1.

**MISSOURI—St. Louis.**—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 600,000; white, 565,000. Total deaths, 783, including diphtheria, 14; enteric fever, 4; measles, 1; phthisis pulmonalis, 80, and whooping cough, 2.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE—Manchester.**—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 60,000. Total deaths, 97, including diphtheria, 2, and phthisis pulmonalis, 6.

**NEW JERSEY—Hudson County.**—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 355,231. Total deaths, 568, including enteric fever, 4; diphtheria, 35; measles, 1; phthisis pulmonalis, 63, and whooping cough, 3.

**Paterson.**—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 106,248. Total deaths, 166, including diphtheria, 15; enteric fever, 1; phthisis pulmonalis, 18, and whooping cough, 1.

NEW YORK—*Yonkers*.—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 40,000. Total deaths, 63, including diphtheria, 4; enteric fever, 1; phthisis pulmonalis, 7, and whooping cough, 1.

RHODE ISLAND—*Newport*.—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 21,500. Total deaths, 22, including phthisis pulmonalis, 3.

WISCONSIN—*Milwaukee*.—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 275,000. Total deaths, 289, including diphtheria, 30; measles, 3; scarlet fever, 4; enteric fever, 12; phthisis pulmonalis, 36, and whooping cough, 1.

WASHINGTON—*Seattle*.—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 60,000, including phthisis pulmonalis, 2.

**QUARANTINE REPORTS.**  
*National quarantine and inspection stations.*

[Vessels named only when detained or given treatment at quarantine.]

Name of station.	Week ended.	Name of vessel.	Date of arrival.	Port of departure.	Destination.	Treatment of vessel, passengers, and cargo.	Date of departure.	Remarks.	Vessels inspected and passed.
Alexandria, Va.....	May 22	Br. bk. Ben Lawers*.....	Apr. 27	Santos.....	Brunswick.....	Disinfected and held.....	May 13	No transactions.....	4
Brunswick, Ga.....	May 15	Br. bk. Conductor*.....	May 5	Rio.....	do.....	Held for disinfection.....	do.....	do.....	4
		Sp. bkn. Lloret de Mar*.....	May 8	Santiago de Cuba.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	
		Am. sc. Etta A. Stimpson.....	May 10	St. Thomas.....	do.....	Disinfected and held.....	do.....	do.....	
		Am. sc. George Taulane, Jr.....	May 13	Habana.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	
		Sp. bk. Consuelo.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Held for disinfection.....	do.....	do.....	
		Br. ss. Capenor.....	do.....	Kingston.....	do.....	Disinfected and held.....	do.....	do.....	3
Cape Charles Quarantine, Del.....	May 22								1
Cape Fear, N. C.....	do.....								4
Delaware Breakwater Quarantine Station, Del.....									
Eureka, Cal.....	May 22	Am. sc. Millie Williams*.....	May 3	Vera Cruz.....	Pascagoula.....			No transactions.....	
Grays Harbor, Wash.....	May 19	Am. sc. Rollin Sanford*.....	May 8	Coatzacoalcos, Mex.....	do.....	Held for disinfection.....	May 9	do.....	5
Gulf Quarantine, Ship Island, Miss.....	May 15	Am. sc. L. N. Dantzier.....	May 9	Frontera, Mex.....	Moss Point.....	do.....	May 11	do.....	
		Am. sc. Woodside.....	do.....	Habana.....	Pascagoula.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	
		Am. sc. Henrietta J. Powell.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	
		Port brig Brazil.....	May 10	Rio.....	Apalachicola.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	
		Am. sc. James Slater.....	do.....	Sagua la Grande.....	Pascagoula.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	
		Nor. bk. Prince Louis.....	May 11	Rio.....	Ship Island.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	
		Rus. sc. Johannes.....	do.....	Para.....	Pascagoula.....	Held for disinfection.....	do.....	do.....	
		Br. ss. Drummond.....	May 14	Rio.....	Ship Island.....	do.....	do.....	No transactions.....	3
Newbern, N. C.....	May 15	Br. ss. Olympia.....	May 9	Hongkong.....	Tucoma.....	Held for disinfection.....	May 9	Vaccinated 30 Chinese.....	25
Port Townsend Quarantine, Wash.....	do.....								
Reedy Island Quarantine, Del.....	May 22								

\* Previously reported.

QUARANTINE REPORTS—Continued.  
National quarantine and inspection stations—Continued.

Name of station.	Week ended.	Name of vessel.	Date of arrival.	Port of departure.	Destination.	Treatment of vessel, passengers, and cargo.	Date of departure.	Remarks.	Vessels inspected and passed.
San Diego Quarantine, Cal.	May 15								2
San Francisco Quarantine, Cal.	.....do.....								9
South Atlantic Quarantine, Blackbeard Island, Ga.	.....do.....	Sp. bk. Tuya*	Apr. 29	Habana	Brunswick	Held for disinfection.	May 12		5
Tortugas Quarantine, Key West, Fla.		Ger. bk. Wodan*	May 5	Cuneco	Sapelo	Held for instructions.	May 10		
		Br. bk. Cambrian	May 12	Rio	Savannah	Held for disinfection.		2 cases yellow fever in Rio—1 on voyage.	
	.....do.....	Am. sc. Susie M. Plummer*	May 7	Habana	Port Tampa	.....do.....	May 14		
		Am. sc. Thos. F. Pol-lard.	May 10	Matanzas	Pensacola	.....do.....	May 15		
		Am. sc. Chas. L. Davenport.	May 11	Habana	Punta Gorda.	Disinfected and held.			
Washington, N. C.		Br. sc. Lena Pickup..	May 13	.....do.....	Mobile	.....do.....			
	May 22	Sp. ss. Serra	May 14	.....do.....	Punta Gorda.	.....do.....		No transactions.	

\* Previously reported.



## QUARANTINE REPORTS—Continued.

## State and municipal quarantine stations.

[Vessels named only when detained or given treatment at quarantine.]

Name of station.	Week ended.	Name of vessel.	Date of arrival.	Port of departure.	Destination.	Treatment of vessel, passengers, and cargo.	Date of departure.	Remarks.	Vessels inspected and passed.
Anclote, Fla.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report.....	.....
Apalachicola, Fla.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do.....	27
Boston, Mass.....	May 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Cedar Keys, Fla.....	May 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report.....	.....
Charleston, S. C.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do.....	9
Charlotte Harbor.....	May 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Elizabeth River, Va.....	May 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No transactions.....	3
Galveston, Tex.....	May 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Georgetown, S. C.....	May 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Gloucester, Mass.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Key West, Monroe Co., Fla.....	May 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Mayport, Fla.....	May 22	Am. sc. J. S. Hoskins.....	May 20	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.....	Jacksonville, Fla.....	Held for disinfection.....	.....	.....	.....
Mobile Bay, Ala.....	May 15	Br. ship Servia*.....	May 2	Rio.....	Mobile.....	do.....	May 13	.....	.....
.....	.....	Am. sc. Fred A. Small*.....	May 3	Habana.....	do.....	do.....	May 9	.....	.....
.....	.....	Ital. bk. Angelo*.....	May 6	Barbados.....	do.....	Disinfected and held.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Am. sc. Apphia and Amelia.....	May 9	Livingston, Guatemala.....	do.....	Held for disinfection.....	May 13	.....	.....
.....	.....	Br. bk. Buteshire.....	May 11	Montevideo.....	do.....	Held to discharge ballast.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Ital. bk. Dus Sorelli.....	May 12	do.....	do.....	Waiting orders.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Br. ss. Arranmoor.....	May 13	Buenos Ayres, A. R.....	do.....	Disinfected and held.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bedford, Mass.....	May 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
Newport News, Va.....	do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No transactions.....	22
Newport, R. I.....	do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
Portland, Me.....	do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No transactions*.....	.....
Port Royal, S. C.....	do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report.....	.....
Providence, R. I.....	do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do.....	.....
St. Helena Entrance, S. C.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sabine Pass, Tex.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

\* Previously reported.



QUARANTINE REPORTS—Continued.  
State and municipal quarantine stations—Continued.

Name of station.	Week ended.	Name of vessel.	Date of arrival.	Port of departure.	Destination.	Treatment of vessel, passengers, and cargo.	Date of departure.	Remarks.	Vessels inspected and passed.
Savannah, Ga.....	May 22	Nor. bk. Sondre* Aust. bk. Artieri Br. bk. Margarita.....	May 13 .....do..... May 20	Para, Brazil... St. Paul de Loanda, W.A. Rio Grande do Sul via Barbados and St. Thomas.	Savannah .... .....do..... .....do.....	Held for observation..... .....do..... Held to discharge ballast.....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	5
Tampa Bay, Fla.....	.....do.....	Br. bk. Cambrian Queen. Am. sc. J. Manches- ter Haynes* Am. sc. James W. Fitch* Am. sc. Susie M. Plummer.	May 22 May 10 .....do..... May 17	Rio Cienfuegos, Cuba. .....do..... Habana.....	.....do..... Port Tampa... .....do..... .....do.....	Held for instructions..... Disinfected and held, ..... .....do..... Held for observation.....	..... May 17 May 18 .....do.....	See South Atlantic Quarantine. ..... One case sickness—not contagious. No report..... .....do.....	21
Velasco, Tex.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Point, Va.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

\* Previously reported.

## MORTALITY TABLE, CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Cities.	Week ended.	Population, U. S. Census of 1890.	Total deaths from all causes.	Deaths from—									
				Phthisis pulmonalis.	Yellow fever.	Smallpox.	Varioloid.	Cholera.	Typhus fever.	Enteric fever.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.
Amesbury, Mass.	May 22	9,798	1							1			
Ashtabula, Ohio	do	8,338	2										
Baltimore, Md.	May 15	434,439	147	15						4	2	2	2
Binghamton, N. Y.	May 15	35,105	3							1			
Do	May 22	35,005	3										
Boston, Mass.	do	448,477	197	22						2	4	8	2
Bristol, R. I.	May 15	5,478	1										
Brookton, Mass.	May 15	27,294	6								1		
Brooklyn, N. Y.	May 22	806,343	345	39						1	8	19	5
Brownsville, Tex.	do	6,134	7										2
Butler, Pa.	do	8,734	3	1									
Do	May 22	8,734	2										
Cambridge, Mass.	do	70,028	23	1								1	
Charleston, S. C.	May 15	* 54,955	† 28	1									
Cincinnati, Ohio	May 21	296,908	108	17						3		1	3
Cleveland, Ohio	May 15	261,353	101	9								3	
Columbus, Ohio	May 22	6,719	20	3									
Dayton, Ohio	May 20	61,220	12	1									
Dedham, Mass.	May 15	7,123	3	1									
Dunkirk, N. Y.	do	9,416	2										
Fall River, Mass.	May 22	74,398	32	1									
Fitchburg, Mass.	May 15	22,037	5										
Gloucester, Mass.	do	24,651	9	1									
Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 22	60,278	16	3								1	
Haverhill, Mass.	do	27,412	11	2									
Hoboken, N. J.	May 15	43,648	21	3									
Ironton, Ohio	do	10,939	5										
Do	May 22	10,939	7										
Jacksonville, Fla.	May 15	17,201	13	3									
Jersey City, N. J.	May 16	163,003	67	6						1	3	4	
Kalamazoo, Mich.	May 22	17,853	5										
Lawrence, Mass.	May 15	44,654	18									1	
Lebanon, Pa.	May 16	14,664	6										
Do	May 23	14,664	5										
Lowell, Mass.	May 22	77,696	41	4								1	2
Lynchburg, Va.	do	19,709	8										
McKeesport, Pa.	May 15	20,741	10										
Do	May 22	20,741	7										
Manchester, N. H.	May 15	44,126	15	2									
Do	May 22	44,126	28	10									
Medford, Mass.	do	11,079	2										
Memphis, Tenn.	do	64,495	17	4									
Middletown, N. Y.	May 15	11,977	7	1									
Milwaukee, Wis.	May 22	204,468	67	8						2			
Minneapolis, Minn.	May 15	164,738	39	4						3			
Mobile, Ala.	May 22	31,076	11	2						1			
Nashville, Tenn.	do	76,168	22	1									
New Bedford, Mass.	do	40,733	17	1								1	
New Brighton, N. Y.	May 27	16,423	9								2	1	
Do	Apr. 3	16,423	7	3									
Do	Apr. 10	16,423	12								1	1	
Do	Apr. 17	16,423	5	1									
Do	Apr. 24	16,423	14	1									
Do	May 1	16,423	7									1	
Do	May 8	16,423	4										
Newburyport, Mass.	May 15	13,947	1										
Newport, R. I.	May 22	19,457	5										
New York, N. Y.	do	1,615,301	607	89						6	5	34	12
Norristown, Pa.	do	19,791	6	1									
North Adams, Mass.	do	16,074	6									2	
Omaha, Nebr.	May 8	140,452	17	2							1		
Oneonta, N. Y.	May 15	6,272	3										
Do	May 22	6,272	2	1									
Pensacola, Fla.	do	11,750	5									1	
Petersburg, Va.	May 16	22,680	9	2									
Do	May 23	22,680	11	1									
Philadelphia, Pa.	May 15	1,046,964	443	47						12	4	23	8
Pittsfield, Mass.	May 22	17,281	7	1									
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	May 15	22,206	11	1									
Providence, R. I.	May 22	132,146	10									2	1
Pueblo, Colo.	May 15	24,558	6						1				
Reading, Pa.	May 17	58,661	19	1									
Salt Lake City, Utah	May 15	44,843	10										1

\* Estimated population, 65,165; white, 28,870; colored, 36,295. † White, 6; colored 22.

MORTALITY TABLE, CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES—Continued.

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Table of temperature and rainfall, week ended May 24, 1897.

[Received from Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.]

Locality.	Temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.			Rainfall in inches and hundredths.		
	Normal.	* Excess.	* Deficiency.	Normal.	Excess.	Deficiency.
<b>Atlantic Coast:</b>						
Eastport, Me.....	49		1	.84		.24
Portland, Me.....	55	1		.84		.84
Northfield, Vt.....	55		1	.74		.34
Boston, Mass.....	58	4		.80		.60
Vineyard Haven, Mass.....	58	2		.70		.70
Nantucket, Mass.....	54	0		.77		.47
Woods Hole, Mass.....	55	1		.70		.70
Block Island, R. I.....	54	2		.84		.54
New Haven, Conn.....	59	1		.84		.34
Albany, N. Y.....	61		1	.71		.51
New York, N. Y.....	61		1	.70		.51
Harrisburg, Pa.....	62	2		1.11		.91
Philadelphia, Pa.....	64	0		.75	.05	
New Brunswick, N. J.....	62	0		.82		.12
Atlantic City, N. J.....	59	1		.60		.31
Baltimore, Md.....	65	1		.84	.76	
Washington, D. C.....	66	0		.91	.17	
Lynchburg, Va.....	67		1	.91		.71
Cape Henry, Va.....	66		2	.91		.68
Norfolk, Va.....	68	0		.98		.18
Charlotte, N. C.....	68	0		.98		.55
Raleigh, N. C.....	67	1		1.41		1.41
Kittyhawk, N. C.....	68		4	.80	1.00	
Hatteras, N. C.....	68		2	1.05		.55
Wilmington, N. C.....	70		2	.75		.98
Columbia, S. C.....	74		2	.91		.81
Charleston, S. C.....	73		1	.92		.92
Augusta, Ga.....	73		1	.78		.68
Savanna, Ga.....	74		2	.72		.72
Jacksonville, Fla.....	75		1	.96		.96
Jupiter, Fla.....	76	0		1.44		1.04
Key West, Fla.....	80		2	.83		.83
<b>Gulf States:</b>						
Atlanta, Ga.....	69	3		.79		.79
Tampa, Fla.....	76		2	.74		.74
Pensacola, Fla.....	73	1		.80		.80
Mobile, Ala.....	74	0		1.01		1.01
Montgomery, Ala.....	73	1		.90		.90
Vicksburg, Miss.....	73	1		1.08		1.08
New Orleans, La.....	75	1		1.08		1.08
Shreveport, La.....	74	0		.91		.81
Fort Smith, Ark.....	68	4		1.05		1.05
Little Rock, Ark.....	68	4		1.33		1.33
Palestine, Tex.....	70	2		1.33		1.23
Galveston, Tex.....	77		1	.93		.93
San Antonio, Tex.....	75		1	.70		.10
Corpus Christi, Tex.....	75	1		.83		.83
<b>Ohio Valley and Tennessee:</b>						
Memphis, Tenn.....	71	3		.91		.91
Nashville, Tenn.....	69	1		.71		.61
Chattanooga, Tenn.....	67	3		.93		.93
Knoxville, Tenn.....	67	1		.84		.64
Louisville, Ky.....	67		1	.80		.30
Indianapolis, Ind.....	65		3	.94	.50	
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	66		2	.77	.03	
Columbus, Ohio.....	62	0		.98		.08
Parkersburg, W. Va.....				.91		.31
Pittsburg, Pa.....	64		2	.77		.67
<b>Lake Region:</b>						
Oswego, N. Y.....	56	2		.68	.12	
Rochester, N. Y.....	59	1		.77		.57
Buffalo, N. Y.....	57		3	.77		.27
Erie, Pa.....	59		1	.91		.01
Cleveland, Ohio.....	60	0		.88	.32	
Sandusky, Ohio.....	60			.82	.48	
Toledo, Ohio.....	62		2	.77	.33	
Detroit, Mich.....	60		2	.84	.46	
Lansing, Mich.....	59	1		.74	.46	
Port Huron, Mich.....	56	2		.77	.23	
Alpena, Mich.....	51	1		.78	.32	
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.....	48	0		.49	1.11	
Marquette, Mich.....	51		3	.72	.18	
Green Bay, Wis.....	55	1		.96	1.04	

\* The figures in these columns represent the average daily departure.

Table of temperature and rainfall, week ended May 24, 1897—Continued.

Locality.	Temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.			Rainfall in inches and hundredths.		
	Normal.	*Excess.	*Deficiency	Normal.	Excess.	Deficiency.
<b>Lake Region—Continued.</b>						
Grand Haven, Mich.....	56		2	.81		.11
Milwaukee, Wis.....	55	5		.84		.24
Chicago, Ill.....	56	4		.84		.34
Duluth, Minn.....	51		1	.89		.19
<b>Upper Mississippi Valley:</b>						
St. Paul, Minn.....	60	0		.78	.62	
La Crosse, Wis.....	61	1		.77	.23	
Dubuque, Iowa.....	62	0		.96	.24	
Davenport, Iowa.....	63	1		1.03		.33
Des Moines, Iowa.....	61	3		1.11		.41
Keokuk, Iowa.....	64	2		.91		.71
Springfield, Ill.....	63	1		1.19		.79
Cairo, Ill.....	68	2		.91		.71
St. Louis, Mo.....	67	3		1.05		1.05
<b>Missouri Valley:</b>						
Columbia, Mo.....	64	4		1.35		1.35
Springfield, Mo.....	62	8		1.41	1.41	
Kansas City, Mo.....	65	5		1.07		.97
Wichita, Kans.....	64	6		.98		.88
Concordia, Kans.....	63	7		1.06		.86
Lincoln, Nebr.....	62	4		1.23		.23
Omaha, Nebr.....	63	5		1.01		.81
Sioux City, Iowa.....	58	6		.77		.57
Yankton, S. Dak.....	62	2		1.01		.71
Valentine, Nebr.....	59	5		.63	1.77	
Huron, S. Dak.....	57	3		.70		.60
Pierre, S. Dak.....	57	7		.52		.32
Moorhead, Minn.....	55	3		.56		.26
Bismarck, N. Dak.....	56	2		.56	.54	
Williston, N. Dak.....	54	5		.46		.06
<b>Rocky Mountain Region:</b>						
Havre, Mont.....	55	7		.35		.25
Helena, Mont.....	57	7		.39		.09
Miles City, Mont.....	58	8		.55		.55
Rapid City, S. Dak.....	54	8		.87		.07
Spokane, Wash.....	58	6		.35		.15
Wallawalla, Wash.....	63	3		.35		.35
Baker City, Oreg.....	54	6		.42		.42
Winnemucca, Nev.....	56	6		.21		.01
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	59	5		.38	.02	
Lander, Wyo.....	54			.58		
Cheyenne, Wyo.....	52	6		.51	2.09	
North Platte, Nebr.....	60	6		.63		.53
Denver, Colo.....	58	6		.64		.24
Pueblo, Colo.....	59	7		.39		.29
Dodge City, Kans.....	64	4		.77		.27
Oklahoma, Okla.....	69	1		1.34		1.34
Amarillo, Tex.....	66	0		.49		.49
Abilene, Tex.....	72	0		.84		.74
Santa Fe, N. Mex.....	57	1		.27	2.13	
El Paso, Tex.....	73	3		.14	.26	
Phoenix, Ariz.....	76	2		.00	.00	
<b>Pacific Coast:</b>						
Tatoosh Island, Wash.....	51			.98		
Port Angeles, Wash.....	51			.28		
Port Canby, Wash.....	54	2		.63		.53
Portland, Oreg.....	59	3		.54		.54
Roseburg, Oreg.....	58	4		.42		.32
Eureka, Cal.....	54	0		.67		.67
Redbluff, Cal.....	69	9		.28		.28
Carson City, Nev.....	56	8		.14		.04
Sacramento, Cal.....	65	5		.17		.17
San Francisco, Cal.....	57	3		.12		.12
Fresno, Cal.....	70	6		.07		.07
Los Angeles, Cal.....	63	1		.07		.07
San Diego, Cal.....	61	1		.07	.03	
Yuma, Ariz.....	79	1		.00	.00	

\* The figures in these columns represent the average daily departure.

## FOREIGN.

[Reports received from United States consuls through the Department of State and from other sources.]

*Cholera, yellow fever, and plague as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1896, to May 25, 1897.*

## CHOLERA.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India:				
Bombay .....	Dec. 8-Dec. 15.....		1	
	Dec. 22-Dec. 29.....		1	
	Mar. 23-Mar. 30.....		1	
	Mar. 31-Apr. 27.....		8	
Calcutta.....	Nov. 14-Jan. 30.....		267	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 27.....		311	
	Feb. 28-Mar. 6.....		125	
	Mar. 6-Apr. 17.....		855	
Madras.....	Nov. 21-Nov. 27.....		2	
	Nov. 28-Dec. 4.....		1	
	Dec. 12-Dec. 25.....		6	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 29.....		22	
	Jan. 30-Feb. 26.....		13	
	Feb. 27-Mar. 5.....		2	
	Mar. 6-Mar. 19.....		1	
	Mar. 20-Mar. 26.....		2	
Singapore.....	Nov. 1-Nov. 30.....		12	
	Dec. 1-Dec. 31.....		5	
Ceylon:				
Colombo .....	Nov. 28-Jan. 23.....		114	
	Jan. 23-Jan. 30.....	1	1	
England:				
Plymouth.....	Jan. 9.....		4	On steamship <i>Nubia</i> . No cases in city.
Japan:				
Tokyo .....	Dec. 4-Dec. 29.....	8	7	
	Dec. 30-Jan. 18.....	3	3	
Yokohama.....	Dec. 4-Dec. 29.....	4	3	
	Dec. 30-Jan. 18.....	2	2	

## YELLOW FEVER.

Brazil:				
Para.....	Dec. 12-Jan. 30.....		32	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 27.....		20	
	Feb. 27-Mar. 6.....		9	
	Mar. 13-Mar. 20.....		3	
	Apr. 3-Apr. 10.....		3	
Rio de Janeiro.....	Nov. 21-Dec. 26.....		10	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 30.....		28	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 6.....	12	5	
	Feb. 13-Feb. 20.....	21	6	
	Feb. 20-Mar. 6.....		16	
	Mar. 7-Apr. 24.....	135	52	
Cuba:				
Cardenas.....	Dec. 25-Jan. 30.....	84	8	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 27.....	38	1	
	Apr. 17-May 15.....	19	4	
Cienfuegos.....	Dec. 20-Dec. 27.....		8	
	Dec. 28-Jan. 17.....		2	
	Apr. 4-Apr. 11.....		1	
Habana.....	Dec. 17-Dec. 31.....	220	79	
	Jan. 1-Jan. 28.....	400	144	
	Jan. 28-Feb. 25.....	117	44	
	Feb. 25-Mar. 25.....	130	38	
	Mar. 25-Apr. 29.....	342	85	
	Apr. 30-May 20.....	184	48	
Manzanillo.....	Apr. 1-Apr. 15.....		1	
Matanzas.....	Dec. 9-Dec. 23.....		8	
	Dec. 23-Jan. 27.....		19	
	Jan. 27-Feb. 24.....		4	
	Feb. 25-Mar. 31.....		2	
	Apr. 1-May 12.....	9	5	



## Cholera, yellow fever, plague, etc.—Continued.

## YELLOW FEVER—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Santiago .....	Dec. 5-Dec. 26.....		17	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 30.....		16	
	Jan. 16-Jan. 31.....		5	
	Jan. 30-Feb. 27.....		6	
	Feb. 27-Mar. 27.....		3	
	May 2-May 8.....		1	
Cuba : *				
Sagua la Grande.....	Dec. 19-Dec. 26.....	50	5	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 9.....	65	6	
	Jan. 9-Jan. 30.....	110	12	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 27.....	35	7	
	Feb. 27-Mar. 27.....	54	17	
	Mar. 28-May 15.....	139	11	
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil.....	Dec. 18-Jan. 1.....		9	
Haiti:				
Port au Prince.....	Dec. 1-Dec. 7.....		2	
	Dec. 14.....			Yellow fever epidemic.
	Mar. 1-Mar. 8.....		3	
Guadeloupe:				
Basse Terre.....	Jan. 5.....	1		
United States of Colombia:				
Panama.....	Apr. 14.....	20	17	
	May 4.....			Yellow fever continues.

## PLAGUE.

Egypt:				
Suez .....	Mar. 31.....			One case of plague on Br. S. S. <i>Dilwara</i> from Bombay.
India:				
Bombay † .....	Dec. 1-Dec. 22.....		694	This is the number of deaths officially reported. The United States consul estimates the number of deaths for the same period at 2,763.
	Dec. 22-Jan. 5.....		738	Estimated deaths for this same period, 2,953.
	Jan. 5-Jan. 12.....		335	Estimated deaths for this same period, 1,388.
	Jan. 12-Jan. 19.....		470	
	Jan. 19-Jan. 26.....		443	Estimated deaths for this same period, 1,462.
	Jan. 26-Feb. 23.....		2,884	Estimated deaths for this same period, 5,845.
	Feb. 23-Mar. 9.....		1,282	Estimated deaths for this same period, 2,265.
	Mar. 9-Mar. 30.....		1,431	Estimated deaths for this same period, 2,730.
	Mar. 31-Apr. 27.....		1,282	Estimated deaths for this same period, 2,299.
Calcutta.....	Feb. 6-Feb. 13.....		1	
Karachi.....	Jan. 11.....			Plague epidemic; 220 cases, 214 deaths to date.
China:				
Hongkong .....	Dec. 13-Dec. 29.....			A few cases.
Japan:				
Formosa.....	Nov. 6-Nov. 30.....	53	37	
	Dec. 4-Dec. 29.....		15	
	Jan. 19-Jan. 27.....	3		
	Feb. 23-Mar. 12.....	3		
	Mar. 13-Mar. 23.....	4		
	Mar. 24-Mar. 31.....	3		
Russia:				
St. Petersburg.....	Apr. 10-Apr. 17.....		1	
Theodosia.....	Mar. 31.....			One case of plague on Br. S. S. <i>Baldwin</i> .

\* February 28, 1897, 300 cases of yellow fever were reported among the sick soldiers on the Island.  
† Official returns show 9,118 cases and 7,602 deaths to March 12.

*Current quarentine measures.*

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, May 5, 1897.]

**BELGIUM.**—By royal order of April 5, the sanitary police regulations against the importation of plague have been amended as follows, in accordance with the recommendations of the conference of Venice, held in March, 1897 :

Article 1. Entry and transportation of the following-named articles from countries or localities infected with plague are forbidden, by land routes as well as water ways.

(a) Body linen, old or used articles of clothing, and bedding that has been used, so far as these articles may be considered as merchandise.

(b) Rags. Bagging that has been in use, old carpets and embroideries that have been in use.

(c) Raw hides and green skins.

(d) Fresh animal refuse, claws, hoofs, hair, raw silk, and wool.

(e) Human hair.

This order, so far as it relates to raw wool, green skins, raw hides, and certain sorts of rags and carpets, may be suspended by ministerial order and repealed by special provisions relative to packing, disinfection, etc.

Article 2. The transportation of the susceptible articles named in article 1 shall take place under supervision of the customs officer if these articles have been so packed as to escape infection.

Article 3. Entry and transportation of articles named in article 1, but not coming from plague-infected countries or localities, may take place by permission of the customs officers under certification relative to their place of origin.

Article 4. Entry and transportation of said articles where they have been at infected ports en route, may take place, provided the authorities at the said ports can certify that they have not come in contact with polluting matter.

Article 4. Articles named in article 1 shall not be denied entry and transportation if the customs officers can certify that they left the infected port prior to the outbreak of the disease.

Article 5. The minister of agriculture and public works shall publicly specify the countries and districts against which these regulations are in force and shall fix the duration of their application.

Article 6. The measures of medical inspection, disinfection, and isolation prescribed for use in ports shall be in conformity with the recommendations of the Venice conference.

Article 7. The said minister shall also prescribe the measures for disinfection of baggage in conformity with the recommendations of the conference.

Article 8. The royal order of January 8 and all the measures of the sanitary commission of the Scheld, which are not in conformity with the recommendations of the conference, are hereby declared out of force.

**PERSIA.**—According to advices of March 17 the protective measures ordered for the South Persian littoral are extended to include bedding, clothing in use, mattresses, hides, rags, and cotton waste among infectious articles.

**BRAZIL.***Sanitary reports from Rio.*

**RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, April 19, 1897.**

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended April 17, 1897 :

There were 15 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, an increase of 1; 12 from yellow fever, an increase of 11; 11 from beriberi, a decrease of 5; 8 from enteric fever, an increase of 4; 1 from measles, none in the foregoing week; 40 from tuberculosis, a decrease of 9; none from whooping cough, none in the foregoing week, and 298 from all causes, a decrease of 27. The health of the town and port continues excellent. Of the

cases of beriberi two were in private houses, but evidently taken from the hospitals. The yellow fever cases may be due to the unseasonable high temperature.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected or received bills of health from this office: April 12, steamship *Catania*, German, for New York, and steamship *Parthia*, German, for New York, from Santos. April 14, steamship *Eastern Prince*, British, for New York. April 19, steamship *Drummond*, British, Capt. D. Mills, for Ship Island, Miss., or Pensacola, Fla., and steamship *Handel*, British, for New York.

Respectfully, yours,

R. CLEARY, M. D.,  
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 26, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended April 24, 1897:

There were 9 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 4; 7 from yellow fever, a decrease of 5; 7 from beriberi, a decrease of 4; 8 from enteric fever and 1 from measles, the same as in the foregoing week; 38 from tuberculosis, a decrease of 2, and 308 from all causes, an increase of 10.

By telegraph we have the news that yellow fever has appeared in Sorocaba, and Guaratingatá in Sao Paulo.

The health of this town and port continues good.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected, or received bills of health from this office: April 19, steamship *California*, French, for New Orleans, from Santos. April 20, bark *Assyria*, Norwegian, for Mobile, Ala. April 22, ship *Girpen*, Swedish, for Sabine Pass, La.; bark *Innervick*, British, for Sapelo Sound, Ga. April 23, bark *Cornelia*, Dutch, for Tybee Roads, Ga., and barkentine *Frances*, American, for Baltimore, Md. April 24, steamship *Grecian Prince*, British, for Barbados, West Indies. April 26, steamship *Bellarden*, British, for New York, N. Y.

Respectfully, yours,

R. CLEARY, M. D.,  
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

CUBA.

*Smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports.*

May 22: The United States sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the week ended May 20 there were in that city 16 deaths from yellow fever, with 60 new cases, and 50 new cases of smallpox, with 7 deaths.

May 18: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended May 15 there were in that city 5 new cases and no deaths from yellow fever, and 10 cases and 5 deaths from smallpox.

May 14: The United States consul at Matanzas reports that during the week ended May 12 there were in that city 1 death from smallpox and 2 deaths from yellow fever.

May 17: The United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that during the week ended May 15 there were in that city 24 new cases and no deaths reported from yellow fever, and 14 cases and 1 death from smallpox.

*Sanitary report from Habana.*

HABANA, CUBA, May 22, 1897.

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that the mortality from smallpox continues to diminish, and has now reached just about the proportions that it had one year ago, before the severe epidemic of it commenced. Yellow fever is still confined almost entirely to the Spanish troops in military hospitals with about the same mortality as last week, the cool dry weather which has prevailed here for over six weeks still continuing.

*Mortuary report.*—During the week ended May 20 there were 202 deaths from all diseases in this city, 16 of which were caused by yellow fever, with approximately 60 new cases; 7 were caused by smallpox, with 50 new cases, approximately; 11 were caused by enteric fever, 5 by so-called pernicious fever, 4 by paludal fever, 8 by dysentery, 18 by enteritis, 1 by diphtheria, 5 by pneumonia, and 29 by tuberculosis. Fifteen of the deaths from yellow fever during the week were among Spanish soldiers in the military hospitals, while the remaining one was a civilian in the city. All of the 7 deaths from smallpox were among civilians.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BURGESS,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

INDIA.

*Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ended April 20, 1897.*

BOMBAY, April 22, 1897.

SIR: The population continues to return at the rate of 1,500 to 2,000 per day. All persons entering the city are rigidly inspected by medical officers. There is a gratifying gradual improvement from day to day in the number of cases of plague reported and in the total mortality in the city. The health officer still continues the absurdity of calculating the annual rate of mortality per 1,000 on the basis of census population of 1891, and thus makes it 51.69 when it should be about double that figure.

Population according to census of 1891.....	821,764
Present population, for the purpose of this report, estimated one-half the above..	410,882
Total number of deaths reported for the week.....	836
Total number of deaths for corresponding week last year.....	687
Mean of corresponding week previous five years .....	614
Allowing that one-half the population has left the city, the proportionate number of deaths based on the mean of previous five years would be.....	307
Number of deaths last week that may be attributed to plague.....	529
Average per day from plague.....	76
Number of deaths from plague officially reported for week.....	310
Average per day .....	44
Probable average number of deaths per day from plague reported as having died of other diseases.....	32
	76

Officially reported death rate for the last week per 1,000 (estimated on a population of 821,764).....	51.69
Same for corresponding week last year.....	41.38
Mean for corresponding week previous five years.....	37.01
Number of births reported last week.....	81
Number of births for corresponding week last year.....	275
Mean number for corresponding week previous five years.....	261

S. COMFORT,  
United States Consul.

*Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ended April 27, 1897.*

BOMBAY, April 29, 1897.

SIR: The figures this week show a continued improvement over those of the previous week. There is a reduction of death rate per 1,000 per annum based on the estimate that one-half the population is present in the city, of from 103.38 for the week ended April 20, to 81.24 for the week under report.

Population according to census of 1891.....	821,764
Present population, for the purpose of this report, estimated one-half the above.....	410,882
Total number of deaths reported for the week.....	671
Total number of deaths for corresponding week last year.....	623
Mean number of deaths corresponding weeks, previous five years.....	625
Allowing that one-half the population has left the city, the proportionate number of deaths based on the mean of previous five years would be.....	313
Number of deaths last week that may be attributed to plague.....	358
Average per day from plague.....	51
Number of deaths from plague officially reported for week.....	195
Average per day.....	28
Probable average number of deaths per day from plague reported as having died of other diseases.....	23
	51

Officially reported death rate for the last week per 1,000 (estimated on a population of 821,764).....	40.62
Same for corresponding week last year.....	37.77
Mean number for corresponding week previous five years.....	37.84
The actual death rate per 1,000 per annum for last week was about double the rate reported, or say.....	81.24
Number of births reported last week.....	117
Number for corresponding week last year.....	285
Mean number for corresponding week previous five years.....	263

S. COMFORT,  
United States Consul.

#### RUSSIA.

*Measures to exclude the Indian plague from Russia.*

ST. PETERSBURG, February 15, 1897.

The Trade and Manufactures Gazette of St. Petersburg publishes the new measures, as officially announced by the sanitary commission, to prevent the introduction of the plague existing in India into Russia.

At the meetings held by the sanitary commission on the 5th and 9th of February, the measures and regulations adopted and confirmed in



1893 and 1894 against bringing the plague through land or sea frontiers into the Russian Empire were approved and the following measures added:

1. To send an expedition of medical men to India to investigate the causes and effects of the plague, its first appearance, and increase.

2. To prohibit for this year the pilgrimages of Russian Mussulmans to Mecca or to the other places where the Shiites are wont to resort for devotional purposes; to forbid, also, the Russian Christians visiting the holy places of the East.

3. To prepare and have ready a sufficient quantity of Dr. Yersin's antiplague whey.

4. To send to localities offering unusual facilities for the introduction of the plague special delegates of the commission, who shall have at their disposal a staff of doctors, officers, and civil servants, for the purpose of aiding the local authorities in the execution of the measures recommended by the commission.

5. To publish in the Government Messenger all reliable news regarding the course of the plague epidemic and all information relating to any further action taken or measures adopted by the commission.

The same paper reports that in accordance with the above regulations the sanitary commission received a communication to the effect that the Russian consul-general at Khorassan had telegraphed the governor of Transcaspian Territory that several Indians, who had come to Afghanistan, died in Kandahar last December of bubonic plague. Governor-General Kuropatkin, believing this report probable, at once took steps for the formation of a military cordon on the Afghan frontier, and ordered that travelers and merchandise should only be admitted through Takhtabazar, where a medical observation station had been established. The governor-general of Turkestan, on account of this report, ordered the complete closing of the Bokhara-Afghan frontier.

Information was received later that the Persian Government had closed its frontier toward Afghanistan and that the Afghan Government has suspended all traffic to and from India, that guardhouses have been placed at certain points on the roads to Pashawera and Kwetta, that no cases of plague have occurred in other places in Afghanistan than at Kandahar, and that no increase of mortality has been noticed.

So far the Russian Minister of Finance has granted a credit of 100,000 rubles to defray the cost of the sanitary precautions to be taken to prevent the introduction of the plague into the Russian Empire.

JOHN KAREL,  
United States Consul-General.

#### *Statistical reports.*

AFRICA—*Mozambique*.—Month of February, 1897. Estimated population, 10,000. Total deaths, 9.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY—*Budapest*.—Month of January, 1897. Estimated population, 640,000. Total deaths, 1,118, including diphtheria, 2; measles, 4, and typhus fever, 1.

CANADA—*Ontario—Hamilton*.—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 50,000. Total deaths, 63, including phthisis pulmonalis, 5.



FRANCE—*Nantes*.—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 125,757. Total deaths, 221, including enteric fever, 1, and whooping cough, 2.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns of England and Wales during the week ended May 8 correspond to an annual rate of 17.0 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 10,860,971. The highest rate was recorded in Preston, viz, 30.4, and the lowest in Cardiff, viz, 12.0 a thousand.

*London*.—One thousand three hundred and twenty-three deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 20; scarlet fever, 10; diphtheria, 26; whooping cough, 35; enteric fever 1, and diarrhea and dysentery, 15. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 15.5 a thousand. In greater London 1,706 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 14.1 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 2 from diphtheria; 6 from measles; 3 from scarlet fever, and 13 from whooping cough.

*Scotland*.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended May 1 correspond to an annual rate of 22.0 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,518,347. The lowest mortality was recorded in Dundee, viz, 15.9, and the highest in Edinburgh, viz, 30.1 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 655, including measles, 52; scarlet fever, 3; diphtheria, 6, and whooping cough, 45.

INDIA—*Singapore*.—Month of March, 1897. Estimated population, 56,000. Total deaths, 700, including beriberi, 116; phthisis pulmonalis, 68, and smallpox, 1.

## MORTALITY TABLE, FOREIGN CITIES.

Cities.	Week ended.	Estimated population.	Total deaths from all causes.	Deaths from—							
				Cholera.	Yellow fever.	Smallpox.	Typhus fever.	Enteric fever.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.
Aix la Chapelle.....	May 1....	112,469	34							1	1
Amsterdam.....	May 8....	495,589	141							1	2
Belize.....	May 14....	13,000	7								
Belleville.....	May 17....	10,459	4								
Bergen.....	Apr. 28....	57,800	1				1				
Bermuda.....	May 7....	15,013	1								
Birmingham.....	May 8....	508,772	148				2			4	5
Bologna.....	May 1....	150,646	74								
Bombay.....	Apr. 20....	821,764	*836	2	1	1	2			13	
Bradford.....	May 1....	121,610	72				1				1
Brünn.....	do.....	82,660	59						4	1	1
Brussels.....	do.....	507,985	181							1	1
Calcutta.....	Apr. 10....	681,560	545	132	6						
Do.....	Apr. 17....	681,560	540	122	5	1	1			1	1
Cardenas.....	May 8....	23,517	42		2	1	1	13		1	
Catania.....	May 4....	120,000	54								
Chatham.....	May 18....	9,052	1								
Cienfuegos.....	May 16....	24,030	23								1
Coaticook.....	May 13....	2,500	1								
Cognac.....	May 1....	21,000	9								1
Do.....	May 8....	21,000	7								
Cologne.....	May 1....	333,645	142							4	1
Colombo, Ceylon.....	Apr. 10....	127,836	66				1				
Copenhagen.....	May 1....	333,714	115							5	
Corunna.....	Apr. 24....	37,000	21		1					1	1
Do.....	May 1....	37,000	21				1			1	1
Do.....	May 8....	37,000	31				3				
Crefeld.....	do.....	108,316	32								
Demerara.....	Mar. 6....	50,624	60								
Do.....	Mar. 13....	50,624	34								
Do.....	Mar. 20....	50,624	48								
Do.....	Mar. 27....	50,624	30								
Düsseldorf.....	May 1....	185,759	59							1	
Edinburgh.....	do.....	292,364	169					2	1	27	19
Flushing.....	May 8....	17,193	5								
Frankfort on the Main.....	do.....	238,000	72					1			2
Gibraltar.....	May 2....	25,800	14								
Girgenti.....	May 1....	24,428	12								
Gothenburg.....	do.....	115,896	35							1	1
Guayaquil.....	May 7....	50,000	94								
Hallifax.....	May 15....	38,700	11								
Kingston, Canada.....	May 31....	18,040	2								
Leeds.....	May 8....	402,449	160				1	2	1	4	
Leghorn.....	do.....	103,755	31								
Leith.....	May 1....	75,186	32								
Licata.....	May 15....	20,000	13			1	2				
Liege.....	May 8....	163,107	44								
London, Canada.....	May 15....	34,855	3				1				
Madrid.....	May 5....	482,816	252		2		4		5		19
Mannheim.....	May 8....	101,500	39					1		1	
Maracaibo.....	May 1....	50,000	10								
Matamoras.....	May 14....	12,000	4								
Matanzas.....	May 12....	49,000	89		2	1	5				10
Mayence.....	May 1....	74,917	27					1	1		
Messina.....	May 8....	107,000	38				1				
Montevideo.....	Apr. 10....	215,061	60				2				
Do.....	Apr. 17....	215,061	63							1	
Moscow.....	Apr. 24....	800,000	437		3		1	10	8	16	1
Munich.....	May 1....	418,000	200				1			1	6
Newcastle on Tyne.....	May 8....	212,223	60								1
Nuremberg.....	Apr. 24....	173,817	99				1			1	2
Odessa.....	May 1....	353,000	135		1			3			
Palermo.....	do.....	273,000	89								
Paris.....	May 8....	2,511,955	1,015				3	2	6	41	
Plymouth.....	do.....	89,656	43								2
Prague.....	Apr. 24....	197,634	140				2	1	3	3	4
Do.....	May 1....	197,634	127							1	4
Quebec.....	May 15....	70,000							2		
Rheims.....	May 1....	108,943	45								
Do.....	May 8....	108,943	42								
Rio de Janeiro.....	Apr. 17....	679,000	*298	12			8				1
Do.....	Apr. 24....	679,000	308	7			7	8			1

\* Bubonic plague, 310.

MORTALITY TABLE, FOREIGN CITIES—Continued.

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Rome.....	Mar. 27....	476,917	151	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	.....
Do.....	Apr. 3....	476,917	155	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3
Rotterdam.....	May 8....	288,863	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
St. Petersburg.....	May 1....	1,013,000	745	.....	.....	1	.....	21	20	38	44
Schiedam.....	May 8....	26,627	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sheffield.....	do.....	352,581	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2
Southampton.....	do.....	89,000	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
South Shields.....	do.....	95,798	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Stettin.....	May 1....	150,000	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Stockholm.....	do.....	267,100	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Stuttgart.....	May 6....	158,378	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Sunderland.....	May 8....	142,107	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2
Tegucigalpa.....	Apr. 3....	12,000	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.....	Apr. 10....	12,000	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.....	Apr. 17....	12,000	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trapani.....	May 1....	43,065	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trieste.....	do.....	158,314	74	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....
Tuxpan.....	do.....	10,280	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Venice.....	Apr. 24....	163,852	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Do.....	May 1....	163,852	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Warsaw.....	do.....	601,408	205	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Yarmouth.....	May 16....	6,500	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zurich.....	May 1....	153,000	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2

\* Eleven cases of beriberi.

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